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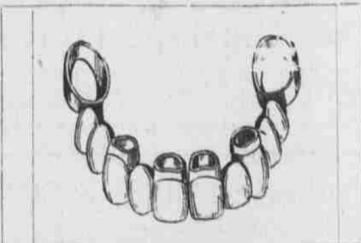
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THE BOER COLUMNS ARE MASSING ON LADYSMITH

Gen. White Has Reached the Limit of His Power to Divide Them.

MUCH UNEASINESS OVER SITUATION

Kruger's Predicted Conflict Which Will "Stagger Humanity" Impending—Mafeking is Reported to be Burning.

PRETORIA, Oct. 27, via Lorenzo, Marquez.—Commandant General Joubert has left Glencoe for the front.

A report has been received here that Mafeking is burning.

LONDON, Oct. 29.—The war office posted at midnight an official report of the fight at Kimberly on Tuesday last, giving the British casualties as three privates killed, and Lieutenants R. A. Melchrook, of the Royal Engineers; G. Lowndes and C. H. Bingham and sixteen privates wounded.

The troops, according to the report to the war office, fought splendidly.

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LONDON, Oct. 28.—The South African war has now been in progress nearly three weeks, and so far the British arms have been consistently crowned with momentary successes, though at a cost which verifies President Kruger's prediction that the conflict would stagger humanity.

But, though victory has fallen to Great Britain whenever and wherever issues were of paramount importance, General White's position today is scarcely more reassuring than at the outbreak of the war. So far, he has only shown his ability to outwit by strategy the Boers' strategy. That, in its conception, meets high praise from the British military critics.

Now he appears to have reached the limit of this game of war by which he was able to prevent the massing of the Boer columns, and he must either meet the enemy's combined forces or retreat.

It is the feeling that General White intends to hold Ladysmith against superior numbers that creates uneasiness, for victories over the Boers as units are not believed to indicate that the same result can be achieved over the Boers when massed.

Compared with this impending movement about Ladysmith, the fate of Kimberly and Mafeking and the progress of other independent operations are almost insignificant.

LITTLE NEWS FROM NATAL.

Each Side Alleges Atrocious Methods on the Part of the Other.

LONDON, Oct. 28.—Lull in news from Ladysmith, which was beginning to be regarded as ominous, has at last been broken by a Cape Town dispatch under this morning's date, saying:

"Scouts from Modderspruit, having reported Boers in force on the Helpmakar road, General White ordered out a strong force of artillery, mounted infantry and cavalry. A small patrol of mounted infantry was shelled by Boers nine miles from Ladysmith, and the Boer position was finally located three miles beyond Modderspruit. The British force is now four miles from the Boers."

The dispatch does not give the date of the above occurrence, but it must have been since Thursday, when the last news arrived from Ladysmith. The Boer advance from Dundee southward and from Bester's station eastward evidently proceeded steadily in the interim, and the engagement foreshadowed by the above dispatch may already have been fought.

The other news from the front does not enlighten the situation in Natal. Fragmentary details are arriving of the occupation of Dundee by the Boers. It is added that 20 men of the town guard occupied an outpost a couple of miles from the town when a Boer shell dislodged them, and the men fled to a neighboring hill, where 500 Boers surrounded them and shot the majority. The Boers then entered Dundee,

dragged several civilians out of their houses and pistolled them in the streets.

As a pendant to the above is a story from Cape Town to the effect that several cases of dum-dum bullets were found by the Boers at Dundee, which the British had abandoned in their flight. Some of the Boers wanted to use the dum-dum bullets, but President Kruger vetoed this, saying:

"No, it must not be so; whatever the British are, we Boers are at least humane."

The bullets were then destroyed.

Further details from Bulawayo, Rhodesia, show that the armored train from there October 27, sent towards Mafeking, under the command of Lieutenant Llewellyn, got within seven miles of Lobatsi when the British found the railroad badly damaged. Boers were visible on the hills in the vicinity. Lobatsi had been looted. The train encountered the Boers three miles south of Crocodile pass and the British opened fire with their Maxims and drove the enemy back to the hills, whence they had advanced. Besides eight men killed, the Boers lost 11 horses.

Dispatches from Sydney and Melbourne record the departure of the Australian contingent for the Transvaal amid scenes of great enthusiasm.

Mr. E. J. Cooper of London has placed his steam yacht Sunrise at the disposal of the government, and starts for South Africa Monday with several volunteer nurses and doctors.

DOG KILLED AT MAFEKING.

CAPE TOWN, October 28.—A dispatch from Mafeking, dated October 21, says, "All is well. There was four hours' bombardment today, during which a dog was killed."

ANOTHER SKIRMISH.

Eighteenth Hussars Attacked by the Boers, but No General Engagement Ensues.

CAPE TOWN, Oct. 28.—Evening.—A squad of the Eighteenth Hussars located the enemy today, who opened fire with shells and rifles. Two horses were shot and a trooper was wounded.

The enemy occupied a strong position at De Wall's farm and the mounted infantry tried without success to draw them out.

As nothing was to be gained by an afternoon attack, the column bivouacked, and at daylight the enemy retired to Relfontain.

PROOF OF "FRIENDSHIP."

Germany Admits Its Citizens to the Protection of American Life Insurance.

BERLIN, Oct. 28.—The cabinet at a meeting today decided to readmit the New York Life Insurance Company to business in Prussia, the company having agreed to work under the same conditions as the German companies, dropping its tonnage feature in Germany. This concession is regarded here as a

great proof of the German government's friendship for the United States. The cases of other American companies are still pending.

CAMPAIGN BEGUN.

Mr. Bryan Fighting Prosperity and Expansion on the Health of His Native State.

OMAHA, Oct. 28.—Hon. W. J. Bryan started on his flying trip through the state today for Wymore, making 17 speeches during the day, beginning at Superior at 3:30 a. m. and closing at 5:45 this evening at Benkelman.

He plainly shows the effect of his hard campaigning, and others have been added to the party to do some of the talking.

THE PEKIN SAILS.

Takes Out the Thirty-first Infantry and the Centennial a Cargo of Horses.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 28.—The transport City of Peking sailed today for Manila, via Honolulu, with eight companies of the Thirty-first Infantry. The Centennial also sailed with a cargo of horses.

WARDNER TRIAL NOW PROGRESSING

VERY IMPORTANT TESTIMONY

Former Members of the Union Testify to the Conspiracy to Blow Up Mines.

MOSCOW, Idaho, Oct. 28.—If the present rate of examining witnesses is kept up, it is probable that next week will see the end of the trial of the Coeur d'Alene miners in the federal court here.

This morning the examination of the witnesses for the government was commenced. The object was to bring out the facts and evidence to prove a conspiracy to blow up the Bunker Hill mill, and that to do this the mines conspired to hold trains and to do any other act to accomplish their purpose; that the stopping of the mail train was concerted in a prearranged incident and was a part of the conspiracy.

An important witness was Thomas Ames, a member of the Wardner union. He stated that he was awakened early on the morning of April 25, and was told there would be a meeting of the union in the miners' hall. He was told afterward that there would be no meeting, but to be on hand at the depot with his bundle of working clothes, as the train was coming with the other miners and the union men would board it. He did not know for what purpose, but he was afterward told not to go, as his thumb was off, and this would be a mark to identify him if the crowd got into any trouble.

He said he was discharged from the Bunker Hill mill, but had gone back since.

He saw 50 men with bundles near the train.

Albert Hurch, the superintendent of the Bunker Hill mill, was called, and related the occurrences of the week preceding the blowing up of Joseph McDonald of the Gem. The manager of the Helena Frisco mine told of seeing men going to Wardner, and said, on examining the powder house, he found 80 boxes missing and the lock broken.

THORNE KNOCKED OUT.

The Englishman is Badly Done Up, and it is Feared He is Seriously Injured.

CHICAGO, Oct. 28.—Fitzsimmons knocked out Thorne in one minute of the first round tonight.

Jeff Thorne of England, after being carried to his corner, was surrounded by a group of friends, who labored anxiously to bring him to. He was drenched repeatedly with cold water. He was in his corner 12 minutes, and was then carried from the ring by his seconds, unable to walk, but having regained a small measure of intelligence. The right side of his jaw where Fitzsimmons struck him was badly swollen. Fitzsimmons fought with all his old-time fire and was as spry and shifty on his feet as he had ever been.

TRANSPACIFIC RAIL AND WATER RATES ADVANCE

Railroad and Steamer Line Connections Have Arranged a New Tariff.

INCREASE OF TWENTY-FIVE PER CENT

Advance in Suez Canal Rates the Alleged Excuse—Portian Was Represented in the New Consolidation.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 28.—The trans-continental railroads, together with their connecting trans-Pacific steamer connections at San Diego, San Francisco, Portland, Tacoma, Seattle and Vancouver, have just issued a new tariff, advancing freight rates 25 percent. Cotton alone, which is shipped in large quantities from Texas to Japan, is excepted from this increase.

An advance of rates by the way of the Suez canal is given as a reason for the increase by way of the Pacific ports.

BIGGER THAN OCEANIC.

"Hill" Orders the Largest Steamers in the World for His Seattle-Oriental Route.

MINNEAPOLIS, Oct. 28.—A Duluth special to the Journal says that J. J. Hill has contracted in England for the construction of two immense steamships for trans-Pacific trade between Seattle and Japan. It is stated that a Clyde firm has the contract, and that the ships will be monsters, 46 feet longer than the new Oceanic of the Atlantic. Each will be 750 feet and 20,000 tons burden.

They cannot be in service until late in 1900, and if the Pacific trade continues to expand, they will not be out of place there. Reports also state that the two are but the first of a large fleet.

RICH PHILIPPINE ORE.

CUSTER, S. D., Oct. 28.—Captain McClelland, company I, First South Dakota volunteers, brought back with him from the Philippines some silver ore given him by a native, who said there was a large amount of it 10 miles from Manila. The ore has been assayed and runs 1,400 ounces.

BIG FIRE IN PHILADELPHIA.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 28.—The D. M. Osborn Farm Implement Company's plant and the W. S. Cooper Brass Works adjoining were destroyed by fire today, with a loss of \$140,000. The Osborn Company's loss was \$100,000.

GENTRY WINS RACE.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Oct. 28.—John R. Gentry won both heats in the free-for-all race, Joe Patchen second, Anacosta third; time, 2:04½ and 2:05½.

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